

Resolution withdrawn with leave of the House.

27. Location of Talappalli Magistrate's Court and Vadakkancheri Registry Office.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—This Council recommends to the Government that the Talappalli Magistrate's Court be shifted to Vadakkancheri District Registry Office and the District Registry Office be located in the Talappalli Magistrate's Court building.

This resolution relates to a local business at Vadakkancheri. This is to impress upon the Government the necessity of shifting the Magistrate's Court to the building where the Munsiff's Court and the Taluk Offices are situated. By this resolution the Registry Office is proposed to be shifted to the present Magistrate's Court building and this measure, if effected, will favourably affect the litigant public and the persons who have to do some work in the Magistrate's Court and the Munsiff's Court. The reason why the District Registrar's Office is now located in the block of buildings where the Munsiff's Court and the Taluk Office are held is that the District Registrar has to be in charge of the Treasury when the Tahsildar is out on duty. When the District Registrar is also absent the Treasury charge is with the Sub-Magistrate. The Sub-Magistrate can, therefore, be a substitute for the District Registrar and he can be put in charge of the Treasury. So a shifting of the Magistrate's Court to the block of buildings is not going to inconvenience the Government or any Government Officer. Probably the question of handing over the Treasury charge to the District Registrar was due to the old practice of the Magistrate being often times on circuit. That practice has almost been put an end to and the Sub-Magistrate very seldom goes out on circuit now. I therefore urge that the Government may be pleased to accept the resolution.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I beg to second the resolution.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, The present Magistrate's Court is admitted to be large enough to hold the Registrar's Office; but the Magisterial Department complains that the present Registrar's Office will not accommodate the Magistrate's Court. They say that the Tahsildar will have to be moved from his present quarters and shifted to the Registrar's present Office and the Tahsildar's Office be made available for the Magistrate. So even though the present Magistrate's Office could be conveniently occupied by the Registrar, the Registrar's Office will not be enough for the Magistrate. That is one difficulty.

Another difficulty is—as the Member himself anticipated—that the Registrar will find it then rather hard to be in charge of the Treasury also. It is of course out of the question to ask the Magistrate to be in charge of the Treasury. He may have to go on circuit and we cannot foresee therefore when he would exactly be at the head-quarters. To issue a general order that the Magistrate may be in charge of the Treasury when there is the District Registrar available on the spot will be rather an imprudent act. There is therefore this aspect of the difficulty too even if buildings are available. However the Government have not dropped the question. They are still corresponding with the officers and trying to find out if the wishes of the Member could be satisfied, because there is some force that if the Magistrate's Court could be taken to the central block the public will be benefited to some extent. What the result of the correspondence will be cannot now be said. Therefore if the Member presses the motion, Government will be constrained to oppose it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—On a point of information, may I know whether the Government have received a report to the effect that the present Registrar's Office is sufficient to accommodate the Magistrate's Court?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government always speak on the basis of reports.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan.—I do not press it.

The resolution was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

Statement by the Secretary to Diwan.

President.—Before we conclude, the Secretary will make a statement.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, in deference to the wishes of the House I make bold to make a statement about the results of the recent visit of the States Committee to our State.

The States Committee, you know Sir, is one of the three important Committees appointed by the Prime Minister in his concluding speech of the second session of the Round Table Conference. The Right Hon'ble the Prime Minister then said that three committees, (1) Franchise Committee, (2) Facts Finding Committee and (3) States Committee will be appointed to go out to India and investigate further certain factors connected with the findings of the Conference. The Franchise Committee is still working in the different parts of India, but with its results we are not immediately concerned. The Facts Finding Committee and the States Committee have also come out and they are under a joint Chairmanship, but are to function separately. Their main efforts are to strike out the future budget, so to say, of the Federal Government.